

to cross the Alps and ri'volutioni/.*' Pii'iluiont. Th«Tr, having recruited his army ami joinrd tin* Neapolitans in Milan, lit* was to proclaim tin* ind^pewlt'iu'e of Italy, unitr tin* whoh* rontry under a single chief, and th«*n man-It at tin* brad of 1<H>,IMH) men on Vienna, by thit* Julian Alps, an-o.xs whirh virthy ha,d conducted him in 17117. This was m»i all : iwwrrous fiuissarios scattered through inland and Hungary wriv to fomrnt discord and raise the cry of liberty ami imi«'pt*n«it»wt'f to alarm Kns.sia-and Austria. It must he rintiWised it would hav<> br«*n an ex-trtwrdinary 8perta<-le to see Napoleon giving liberty to Kurojn* in revenge for not having Hieereded in enslaving her.

By means of these bold uiantnmvs and vast eonibinaiouH Napoleon ralrulated that h«* ivoild have the advantage « »f the* initiative in military operations. l*i»rhapH his genius was iit»ver more fully de.velcijH*d than in this va«t conreptioit. Aeeurdiiig to this plan he was to extfiul his operations OV«T a line of f»flC) loaguen, from CKstend to Vienna, by the Alps and Italy, to provide himself with immettHi! resources of «-vi*ry kind, to previ'iit the "Emperor of Austria from mareihtg his troops against France, and probably fnree liim to tt*nniiiatt* a war from whirh the hereditary l)rovinn»s \voiuhl hav^fx^x lusivi'ly suiTi»ri«il. Siieh wan the bright propped, whieh pr*wtttt*<! it,si»If to Na|H»buin wli€»n he stepped on boanl the v«»sH<^l whirh was t«* i»t»nvi*y him from Klba to Fnin<*e» Hut the itia.it {trecipitatioii «if Murat put Europe on the. alert, and the briliuitt illunion vitnislied. lik«* a (ircnun.¹

¹ " The f<*ttivn!K and ott<*rtaitiu>0titii at tltt> l"«nrf «f Nf»ifi*if* iff tin* lit^in* 11 ing of 1H15 ww< tnon* Ht>it*tuiitl ittnit i«*r, Inn ititifh li»*jl gay, fi»r itir, *tj!« parent ftoourity and rciuflian*r* of Miimt thil n»*f Mitti<*it*tilly «*MC«»)! Mn real nnc,ii«iiH»H8, nor did th^ iitw «f rr»|i«*c7t tm f ip fturt i*f ili«* l*ifrigit dont prevent WM»pl» frrun stwinjc tjnit l!i*»* f»»lt wi iivr.rpl*tii t« tils the ttntiio. To llni nurprlsit <i| ifv<<ry>ttily not In tlw« ii*»*f*! i*l* < wrlliti his warlike preparation*. Thu iietivity in llii interior i*f llii iwiini* everyday; etmrii-re Wi*ri^i>fit1ii«iillyf!i*i|»iisi*iieil,iiiifl th»» arrivitl tws of foroguoni wan mom and itwrn frf»fii«Mtt» Aft<-r mnw* cliyi of ftKtrm»r* dinary agitation at Court th« ni*wii arrlvi*tl tlini tint Ktit| wri»r having einbarkcnl on t)Ht*J!th of Ktfbnmry nt l*orto-Kfr*Ji* with !f!tm*»)«Ut<* waa sailing for France. Thi* m»*Mf*itgt«*r'who Itrnttglil llii t»» Murat, to whom the whole plot wim wi*ll known tiri*vi<>u*ry, »rrlyt*il In Nit»k, »n jlin evening of tltn4tit of March, whil« tin* Ki«*wn iium<iiKltlni>iff itw private apartment* of his wife, wltrefecmly a f*»w rin!itl<*r«, iiiiiaiew, mill fonAqYt ambassadors w«re prmtent. Thu King ami t)ir*ti itmt*tilly rfiirw! »lnti! to another room, wh»no« in » few minutii iliwy

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